

David Robert SMITH

05/06/2023

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AKA David SMITH, Dave SMITH

Nickname: ?

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 120**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 13838

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday 4 August 1969 (aged 21 years, 4 months, 24 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed 15 September 1969 (aged 21 years, 6 months, 4 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed 15 September 1974

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed 15 August 1978

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)12/5/87

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 18 August 1985

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Detective Sergeant ?/Class

Stations: ?, Motor Squad, ?, Drug Squad, ?, Castle Hill
Detectives, ?, Windsor Detectives, ?, Parramatta (18 Division
) – Retirement

Service: From 4 August 1969 to 28 August 1 987 = 18
years, 0 months, 24 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 39 years, 5 months, 17 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 35 years, 8 months, 14 days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 10 September 1986 (Det Sgt
3/c)



Born: Thursday 11 March 1948

Died on: Saturday 12 May 2023

Age: 75 years, 2 months, 1 day

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: Monday, 22 May 2023 @ Noon

Funeral location: St Michael's Catholic Church, 1 Chapel Lane,
Baulkham Hills, NSW

David Robert Smith – # 13838 – Order of Service

Wake location: Fiddler Hotel, Windsor Rd, Rouse Hill, NSW

Wake date: Monday 22 May 2023 @ 3pm

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Castlebrook Memorial Park, 712 Windsor Rd, Rouse
Hill, NSW

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Grave location has been requested.

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (June 2023)

DAVID is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
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5 June 2023

Harold James BLACKBURN

05/06/2023

Harold James BLACKBURN

AKA Harold BLACKBURN

Nickname: Harry the Hat

Late of Robina, Qld

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – Class # ? ? ?

NSW Police Cadet # 0680

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 6414

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy as a Police Cadet on Monday 6 August 1947 (aged 17 years, 3 months, 16 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed 21 April 1949 (aged 19 years, 0 months, 0 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 3 May 1966

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 1 March 1976

Inspector – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Chief Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Superintendent – appointed ? ? 1985

Final Rank: = Detective Superintendent

Stations: Superintendents Clerk – Goulburn, Scientific Investigation Service (19 years), Rockdale (12 Division)(Det Sgt)(1970), Parramatta (18 Division), Katoomba (36 Division), Balmain (8 Division (Sgt 1/c – 1980), ?, Physical Evidence Section (1985)(Supt),

Service: From 6 August 1947 to ? November 1988 = 41 years, 2 months, ? days Service

After Retirement, Harry worked with the War Crimes Commission.

Retirement / Leaving age: = 58 years, 6 months, ? days

Time in Retirement from Police: 34 years, 6 months, ? days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 8 June 1988 (Det Supt)

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal – granted ? ? ?



Born: Monday 21 April 1930 in Lithgow, NSW

Died on: Tuesday 9 May 2023

Age: 93 years, 0 months, 18 days

Organ Donor: No – Age prohibitive

Cause: Natural – Old Age

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ?

Future Memorial Service: to be held on the Gold Coast, Qld,
at a time to be fixed.

Future Wake location: ???

Future Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (May 2023)

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‘Is this a joke by my mates?’: The retired detective wrongly accused by NSW police

By Malcolm Brown

May 17, 2023 – 2.25pm

HARRY BLACKBURN: 1930–2023

“What is this that is happening?” Harry Blackburn remembers thinking on the day a team of police came to arrest him at his workplace. “Is this a joke by my mates? It’s not my birthday!”

Indeed, it was not his birthday, and it was not a joke. The NSW police were there to arrest the 59-year-old retired detective superintendent and charge him with 25 serious offences, including rape, robbery and kidnapping over a period from 1969 to 1985.

WHY THEY HUNTED HARRY

Harry Blackburn and the notorious photos, including the rapist which supposedly resembled him.

...surged police operation that led to charges of rape and kidnapping against Harry Blackburn is so too incredible to be true. This former senior officer was the victim of a massive miscarriage of justice which the police have yet to adequately explain. **LINDSAY SIMPSON and SANDRA HARVEY** trace the investigation to its dramatic end.

...Detective Chief Inspector Jim ...

...by the TCU. It is understood that Blackburn's name then came up from the TCU as a target suspect. The FBI has many serious such as sexual assault, rape, and armed hold-ups. The task of the police working at the TCU is to identify suspects in these areas. They establish their suggestions to the police.

...Mr. Mitchell was given the photograph of Blackburn to find out what was reported as a "minor similarity" of Blackburn from a witness to an event which happened at Manly on June 25, 1988. The identification was ...

...the Southern Cross was linked. After the new information came to light, the task force was appointed in January under the direct orders of the Police Commissioner, Mr. Avery. In a letter to the Police Minister, Mr. Fogarty, read in Parliament on Thursday, Mr. Avery said that his commission was to investigate the case to assess the level of police that adequate resources and to ensure that investigations was not impeded or interfered with in the region, was a liaison among police officers skilled in investigation.

...With a task force formed, the DPP advised that Blackburn be arrested but that it was thought that a blood test be taken from him, by force if necessary, before he was charged.

...Blackburn said his lawyer on the phone to give blood at the Northern Police Court on July 25, but on the condition that Blackburn was to be charged. Investigating police are to be asked to give blood that night and that his blood grouping was not on any police records.

...It is also understood advice was given by the DPP that a positive identification would normally be sufficient of the blood grouping would have, as a second test, given the investigating police some answers, as in two of the cases, Blackburn was not even the same blood group. The DPP said would therefore have not asked anything more.

...Investigations might have been able to be done on Blackburn's blood group before he was charged. Had done so would show that Blackburn's blood group did not match the attacker's, it would have done "a heavy duty" to charge him, according to one legal expert.

Harry Blackburn, Spectrum, October 1989. FAIRFAX

Without the slightest idea of what they were on about, Blackburn found himself paraded in front of the media – the reports with his picture going nationally and even overseas. Without so much as a court appearance, he was branded a serial offender who had hidden for years behind his police badge. Now he was being undone by fearless police, unafraid to deal with their own.

On the day of the arrest – July 24, 1989 – the then Assistant Police Commissioner, Tony Lauer, said: “This operation has demonstrated that the NSW Police Service is more than capable

of handling an extensive and highly sensitive inquiry.”

Blackburn found himself in a cell at the NSW Police Centre. Elsewhere, a police officer reportedly said: “We should slip a gun into his cell and let him blow his brains out and save the government a great deal of time and money.”

The prospective prosecution of Harry (“Harry the Hat”) Blackburn did not in fact last long. Following a change in personnel in charge of the case, diligent police officers Detective Inspector Clive Small and Detective Sergeant Ron Shaw reviewed the evidence and realised it was full of holes.

Small, against trenchant opposition from the police hierarchy, recommended the charges be dropped. They were abandoned on October 6 that year, but not before Blackburn’s wife, Lyn, devastated by the turn of events, had suffered a miscarriage.

The resulting royal commission, conducted by Justice Jack Lee, found the investigation and gathering of evidence was so clumsy and slipshod that Harry Blackburn should never have been considered a suspect. “It destroyed his life at the time,” said Clive Steirn SC, who was to represent Blackburn.

Harry James Blackburn was born in Lithgow on April 21, 1930, one of three children of a coal miner, James Blackburn, and Eileen (nee Hovey). He went to school in Lithgow and in 1947, as soon as he had turned 17, he joined the NSW Police Force, taking advantage of the fact the police commissioner was a Catholic, this being a time of reported conflict in the force between Catholics and Masons.



Blackburn pictured at Police Headquarters in Sydney on 24 July, 1989.

Blackburn began duties as a superintendent's clerk in Goulburn, then joined the Scientific Investigation Service, where he worked for 19 years, playing rugby union for the Goulburn Waratahs. He married Norma, with whom he had children, Tracy and John. In 1970, he moved to Rockdale as a detective sergeant, followed by postings to Parramatta and Katoomba.

His marriage ended in divorce, and he married Ada. This marriage also ended in divorce. He moved on professionally and went back to police scientific work as an inspector. In 1982 he met Lyn Foster, 22 years his junior, who was a civilian employee in the NSW Police Department.

In 1985, he was promoted to superintendent and put in charge of the Physical Evidence Section, requiring him among other things to handle gun amnesties announced by the government. He was also awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. In 1987 he married Lyn.

But unknown to Blackburn, there were storm clouds gathering.

There had been some savage rapes and robberies over the years, the offender usually wearing a mask and sneaking up to couples cuddling up in cars at night in lover's lane trysts.

The Sydney Morning Herald

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Interest rates, air strike push car rents up 25%

Wharf reform gets under way



"Harry the hat": Front page of The Herald, October 11 1989. FAIRFAX

The first series had started in October 1969 and continued until August 1970. The second, known as the "Sutherland" series, lasted from August to December 1985. Police had obtained descriptions of one of the assailants. One happened to vaguely represent Blackburn, who then became the subject of covert police attention.

On July 14, 1988, the couple were blessed by a daughter, Holly. Blackburn retired in November that year and went to work with the War Crimes Commission. On July 24, 1989, when Lyn was three months pregnant with their second child, police swooped, and the family's whole world was turned upside down.

The charges were laid, and Blackburn was granted bail. On August 6, Lyn had her miscarriage. On October 6, he and his wife were informed that all charges had been withdrawn. Blackburn decided not to resume with the War Crimes

Commission. "The wind had been knocked out of his sails," Lyn said.

The Sun-Herald

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BLACKBURN INQUIRY GOES PUBLIC

Greiner orders royal commission

Geraldine Doogue may rejoin ABC

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Wall St crash — Aust nervous

By SALLY FITZGERALD

THE biggest American share-market plunge since the Great Crash of 1929 — and the second biggest yet — rocked Wall Street yesterday.

At a much Australian bankers anticipate a significant fall in local stock exchanges tomorrow morning, as worried investors wait to see if the New York market continues to plummet.

But several local bankers insisted yesterday a report of October 1987 is not likely, although one quipped: "There will certainly be a lot of nervous selling on Monday morning."

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By ALEX MITCHELL

FORMER justice Superintendent Harry Blackburn last night welcomed the royal commission into the domain of criminal charges against him saying: "I want the truth to come out."

He was speaking after Premier Nick Greiner revealed the closed police inquiry into the Blackburn case and handed the investigation to a senior Sydney judge to be named this week.

"When you hold things behind closed doors the people at large don't really know what's going on and I want the truth to come out," Mr Blackburn said.

"A royal commission will give the truth for me that honesty and justice will be done."

Mr Greiner, confident a hospital had through illness, took the Blackburn investigation out of the hands of the State Drug Crime Commission and ordered the appointment of a royal commission.

Shadow Attorney-General Paul Whelan last night called for Police Minister Ted Pickering to resign over his handling of the case.

"Only two days ago Mr Pickering assured Parliament an inquiry by the State Drug Crime Commission was adequate, when it clearly wasn't," Mr Whelan said.

"Now he has been described by

Harry the Hat: I was offered gun



HARRY BLACKBURN

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OFFERING to his cell inside Sydney police headquarters, Harry Blackburn was approached by a young constable who said: "Only don't I want you for a pistol so you can blow your brains out and save the Government a great deal of time and money."

In today's Sun-Herald, Blackburn speaks for the first time about his anguish since he was branded "The Hatred Beggar".

to an open investigation."

Last Wednesday, 23 charges of sexual assault, kidnapping and armed robbery against "Harry the Hat" Blackburn were withdrawn in Castleknock South County Court.

A few hours later, Mr Pickering said the SDCC would take charge of an investigation — a move condemned by the Opposition, the NSW Police Association and the NSW Bar Association.

Then, on Thursday, Attorney-General John Dowd received opposition calls for a full judicial inquiry, telling Parliament: "There is no way that this irresponsible proposal to have what would be, in effect, a royal commission into the matter could be agreed to."

NSW Police Association secretary Lloyd Taylor said Mr Pickering had "put himself in the foot" by asking the SDCC to conduct the inquiry.

"A royal commission is the appropriate body," Mr Taylor said. "We have to find out exactly what happened — that is what the police and the public want to know."

"It appears that someone, somewhere, has made a fool-up and we must get to the bottom of it."

"I hope that the series of reference include an investigation of the whole procedure of the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions."

● A Four Corners investigation into the Blackburn case will be screened tomorrow night on ABC TV.

"Our story will reveal that the police case, at its very best, was incredibly flimsy and very shoddily put together," reporter Neil Murray said yesterday.

"We suggest there was no hard evidence to arrest Blackburn in the first place."

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Sun Herald front page, October 1989. FAIRFAX

The royal commission was held under Justice Lee, Chester Porter QC as counsel assisting, and Blackburn being ably represented by Kevin Murray QC, with Steirn as his junior. The deficiencies in the investigation soon came to light.

In December that year, Maureen, wife of Blackburn's son, John,

suffered a miscarriage. The family decided not to tell Harry just then. In April 1990, Blackburn complained that four departmental charges had been laid against him, including such things as misuse of petrol and an incident where he had thrown a jug of water over somebody, Blackburn being known to be occasionally temperamental.

He said the charges were just an attempt to discredit him, and they went nowhere. On June 29, 1990, Justice Lee handed down his report. In July, Blackburn launched proceedings against the NSW government for wrongful arrest, malicious prosecution and defamation, seeking unspecified damages.

His experience had given him a new perspective on justice, how prone the system was to misbehaviour. He was to give evidence that while sitting in his cell at the police centre on July 25, 1989, he had overheard a detective telling a prisoner that if he did not plead guilty to nine charges, he would charge him with another four.

Blackburn with his wife and child retired to Robina on the Gold Coast, and in November 1990 Blackburn got his licence as a private inquiry agent, putting a picture of a hat as his motif on his business card.

His litigation continued, a psychiatrist diagnosing him with "reactive depression". The position of Inspector-General of the NSW Police Force was created and filled by a Canadian, Don Wilson, whose task was to "clean-up" management of the NSW Police Force, which Justice Lee had described as "lamentable".

There would never be another bungle like Blackburn, Wilson said. The NSW government settled with Blackburn in November 1991; the agreement ratified in the Supreme Court. Blackburn, with substantial damages in his favour, did do some minor investigate work. Otherwise, he contented himself with golf, normally six days a week, looked after his wife and daughter Holly, and jogged along the beach.

Lyn went back to study and became a child psychologist. Holly did a Bachelor of International Business degree and went to work in the tertiary sector. Harry Blackburn celebrated his 93rd birthday in April, and was in good spirits', his wife said, but then there was a sudden downturn over the following two weeks.

He died on May 9. He is survived by his widow; his three children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service is to be held on the Gold Coast at a time to be fixed.

Harry Blackburn obituary: The wrongly accused retired NSW
police superintendent

Story behind the Nickname:

Harry The Hat; ?

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30 May 2023

Kenneth Edward MURRAY

05/06/2023

Kenneth Edward MURRAY

AKA ?

Nickname: ?

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – "possibly" **Class # 046**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 8455

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday 9 July 1956 (aged 24 years, 7 months, 24 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed 9 July 1967

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Appears in the 1979 'Stud Book' but not the 1987 issue.

Final Rank: = ?

Stations: ?,

Service: From 9 July 1956 to ?? C1980s? = ?
years, Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: Public Service Medal – **granted** 26 January 2001 (Mr) For outstanding public service to the Shoalhaven City 9 NSW) in the field of development (Not sure if this Medal was Awarded to 'our' Mr. Kenneth Edward MURRAY)

Born: Sunday 15 November 1931

Died on: Sunday 1 January 2023

Age: 91 years, 1 month, 17 day

Organ Donor: No – age prohibitive

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ?

Memorial Service: to be held on the Gold Coast, Qld, at a time to be fixed.

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Plot: ? Section: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time (**May 2023**)

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Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Saturday 13 January 1973, page 7

‘ GUNS FOUND ‘

Court told of attack on police

SYDNEY, Friday. – Two Sydney detectives were bashed and kicked after finding evidence possibly linking four men with Victorian bank robberies, a prosecutor alleged in **Sydney’s**

Central Court today.

Sgt E. Short (# 4325) told the court both officers had received severe facial injuries and one **might lose part of an ear**.

Before the court were Mr **Donald James Marshall**, 24, labourer, and Mr **Peter John Freeman**, 24, labourer, both of Cronulla.

Each was charged with having assaulted **Detective Kenneth Edward Murray** (# 8455) and **Detective William Erickson** (# 11355), occasioning them **actual bodily harm**, at Ashfield yesterday.

They were charged also with having had in their possession two .22 calibre sawn-off rifles and two 12 gauge sawn-off shotguns.

Mr **Fowler, SM**, remanded them to appear on **January 22** and refused bail.

Sergeant Short said it was hoped to proceed with the presentation of evidence by eight witnesses on the next occasion.

Asking Mr Fowler to refuse bail, he said it was alleged that the two defendants and two other men were driving in Ashfield yesterday afternoon. As a result of the driver's conduct they were followed by two detectives into a motel.

Sergeant Short said that after questioning the men, **Detective Murray** obtained the car keys and opened the boot.

" We allege he found masks, shotgun ammunition, .22 calibre ammunition and other evidence possibly linking the occupants of the car to recent bank robberies in Victoria", he said.

Sergeant Short said that while the detectives were questioning the men they were attacked by at least three and possibly four men.

" They were severely beaten and kicked and **Detective Murray** may lose portion of an ear ", he said. Both officers had received severe facial injuries.

He said Mr **Freeman** was arrested near the area of the assault and Mr **Marshall** later at Cronulla.

At Cronulla, police had found firearms which it was alleged had been used in bank robberies in Victoria.

" The two other men not yet arrested have been identified as dangerous **escapees** from **Pentridge Jail** ", he said.

Sergeant Short said the two men before the court undoubtedly would be wanted by the Victorian authorities when NSW was finished with them.

Mr Fowler, said it was an appropriate case for the refusal of bail.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110702317>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Tuesday 20 February 1973, page 9

Two committed over attack on police

SYDNEY, Monday. – Two men were committed for trial today for allegedly attacking two detectives.

Central Court was told that the officers were beaten and kicked after they stopped a car with Victorian number plates containing four men.

Before the court were Mr **Peter John Freeman**, 24, labourer, and

Mr **Donald James Marshall**, 24, labourer, both of Allison Road, Cronulla.

Each pleaded not guilty to assaulting **Detectives Kenneth Edward Murray** and **William Erickson**, occasioning them actual bodily harm on January 11.

Mr **W. Ewer. SM.** committed both for trial at **Darlinghurst Quarter Sessions** on March 5 and refused bail.

Detective Sgt Murray said he and **Detective Erickson** (# 11355) stopped the car at Ashfield and when he inspected the boot he found shotgun ammunition and the sleeve of a woollen jumper with eye holes cut in it, apparently to form a mask.

He asked one of the men about the boot's contents, and was struck a heavy blow. He saw **Detective Erickson** grappling with the driver. He went to **Detective Erickson's** assistance, but was attacked from behind.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110698983>

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Alan David DONNELLY

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Alan David DONNELLY

AKA ?

Nickname: Dasha

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job':

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NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 7822

" Call me Al "

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday

27 September 1954 (aged 23 years, 4 months, 17 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 4 March 1970

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 15 October 1977

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector – appointed 30 September 1984

Chief Inspector – appointed 20 January 1988

Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Superintendent – appointed 23 November 1988

Final Rank: = Chief Superintendent

Stations: ?, Forbes (1960s)(Det SenCon), Western District
(1968), ?, Moree (DetSgt), ?, Tamworth (Division
Commander)(C/Insp), Tamworth (District Commander)(Supt
) (76 Division), ?, Peel District – Retirement

Service: From 27 September 1954 to 29 October 1992 =
38 years, 1 month, 2 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 61 years, 5 months, 19 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 30 years, 6 months, 17 days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 27 August 1992 (Chief Supt
)

Born: Sunday 10 May 1931

Died on: Tuesday 16 May 2023

Age: 92 years, 0 months, 6 days

Organ Donor: No – Age prohibitive

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ? (Private family funeral already held)

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ?

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

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Peter Kenneth MILLER

05/06/2023

Peter Kenneth MILLER

AKA The Tree of Knowledge

Nickname: ?

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 149**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 17160

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday 6 October 1975 (aged 19 years, 6 months, 4 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 8 December 1975 (aged 19 years, 6 months, 4 days)

Constable – appointed 8 December 1976

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 8 December 1984

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Inspector

Stations: Waverley GDs (10 Division), Paddington (10 Division), Waverley (10 Division)(Detectives)(1970s), Kogarah & Rockdale (12 Division)(Detectives)(late 1970s – early 1980s), Bondi (10 Division)(Detectives)(1980s), ?, C.I.B. Drug Squad, ?, Maroubra (15 Division)(Detectives)(Det Sgt)(early 1990s), Mascot (15 Division)(Chief of Detectives & Crime Manager), Botany Bay (15 Division) – Retirement

Service: From 6 October 1975 to 6 August 2004 = 28 years, 7 months, 29 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: =48 years, 2 months, 2 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 18 years, 9 months, 14 days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 17 March 1992 (Det Sgt)



1984

Born: Monday 4 June 1956

Died on: Saturday 20 May 2023

Age: 66 years, 11 months, 16 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Cancer – Leukaemia

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ? (nothing found)

Funeral location: ? (nothing found)

Peter's wife has requested that **ONLY** the closest of friends and family at his funeral of whom she has already contacted.

A Wake will be organised in the near future for those that wish to pay their respects.

LIVE STREAM ?

Future Wake location: ???

Future Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

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Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (May 2023)

PETER is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
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There was a Constable P. Miller, attached to Regent St Detectives but I am unsure if this is one in the same person.



Mascot Detectives – 1995

Back L to R:

Murray Wilson # 25674[RIP], Terry O'Neill, Ken Yardy, Graham Maranda & Dave Laidlaw # 17809.

Front L to R:

Mark Braybrook, Peter Miller # 17160 – Chief Of Dets [RIP], Deb O'Reilly, Scott Bingham, Natalie Salter & Peter Whalan.



Peter Miller and Gary Spencer – 1984



1996 – Waverley Detectives Office staff.

Front Row (L – R)

?, Peter MILLER # 17160, ?, ?, ?

Rear Row:

?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?



NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE ACADEMY
 SELECTIVES' COURSE NO. 2 OF 1981
 25 May, 1981 to 14 August, 1981.

BACK ROW - (L TO R) I.P. HOBSON, K.N. RIDLEY, W.J. GROGAN, P.J. ELLIOTT, B. FULMER, P.N. DANIELS, G.K. SIMS, S.A.W. CARTER, P.E. McCAMLEY, R.B. CAHILL.

THIRD ROW (L TO R) G.R. WATSON, R.K. WHEATLEY, W.L. DAVENPORT, P.J. ROBINSON, J. PENDERGAST, A. PHELAN, G.J. RYAN, S.J. HENKEL, T.J. GARDINER, P.T. WEBB.

SECOND ROW (L TO R) J.R. HANDEL, R.J. LONGERGAN, D. CHARTERIS, S.W. GRAY, A.T. DONALDSON, T.J. HOGUE, P.K. MILLER, M. THARME, G. BULLOCK, L.G. DEAN, S.J. LEONARD.

FRONT ROW (L TO R) R.J. DUNN, J. ROBERTSON, A.R. HOLLOWAY, R.J. MYATT (Inst), P.J. CLAMP (Inst), N.W. GOULD (Dir), R.A. JENKINS (Inst), P.T. WALTER (Inst), F.T. BURGESS, P.A. SANDEMAN.

NSW Police

Academy Detective's Course 2 of 1981 25 May 1981 – 14 August 1981
 Back Row(L-R)

HOBSON, K.N. RIDLEY, W.J. GROGAN, P.J. ELLIOTT, B. FULMER, P.N. DANIELS, G.K. SIMS, S.A.W. CARTER, P.E. McCAMLEY, R.B. CAHILL

Third Row

G.R. WATSON, R.K. WHEATLEY, W.L. DAVENPORT, P.J. ROBINSON, J. PENDERGAST, A. PHELAN, G.J. RYAN, S.J. HENKEL, T.J. GARDINER, P.T. WEBB

Second Row

J.R. HANDEL, R.J. LONGERGAN, D. CHARTERIS, S.W. GRAY, A.T. DONALDSON, T.J. HOGUE, P.K. MILLER # 17160, M. THARME, G. BULLOCK, Leonard G. DEAN # 16646, S.J. LEONARD

Front Row

R.J. DUNN, J. ROBERTSON, A.R. HOLLOWAY, R.J. MYATT (Inst), P.J. CLAMP (Inst), N.W. GOULD (Dir), R.A. JENKINS (Inst), P.T. WALTER (Inst), F.T. BURGESS, P.A. SANDEMAN

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

Cal
30 May 2023

Updated 6 June 2023

Updated 18 June 2024 with Det's Course Class photo

Gyula KOVACS

05/06/2023

Gyula KOVACS

AKA George KOVACS

Late of Moorebank, NSW

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: **S.T. KOVACS**, NSWPF # **16372**
?

Lorrae KOVACS, NSWPF # **29084** ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 053**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 8615

Uniform # 1111

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday **1 April 1957** (aged 28 years, 2 months, 2 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed Monday **29 April 1957** (aged 28 years, 2 months, 30 days)

Constable – appointed 1 April 1958

Constable 1st Class – appointed 1 April 1963

Detective – appointed 23 October 1963

Senior Constable – appointed 1 April 1968

Leading Senior Constable – appointed (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 June 1973

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 7 June 1980

Final Rank: = Sergeant 2nd Class

Stations: Bankstown GDs (19 Division)(30 April 1957 – 26 May 1959), South Coast District – Wollongong (82 Division)(Vice Squad – Probation)(27 May 1959 – 16 May 1960), Wollongong (Vice Squad – Permanent)(17 May 1960 – 1 February 1963), Wollongong Detectives (2 February 1963 – 12 November 1963), Pt Kembla Detectives (79 Division)(13 November 1963 – 31 October 1965), Wollongong Detectives (1 November 1965 – 14 April 1968), Pt Kembla Detectives (15 April 1968 – 30 April 1970), Wollongong Detectives (1 May 1970 – 30 July 1973), Sutherland (back to Uniform & GDs)(24 Division)(31 July 1973 – 30 March 1974), Engadine (GDs)(31 March 1974 – 22 November 1975), Sutherland (GDs)(23 November 1975 – 31 July 1976, Bankstown (19 Division)(GDs)(1 August 1976 – 6 April 1982)

– Retirement (due to illness)

Service: From 1 April 1957 **to** 6 April 1982 (H.O.D.)
= 25 years, 0 months, 5 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 53 years, 2 months, 7 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 41 years, 1 month, 17 days



Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system – however:

Commended for his role in the search and arrest of three offenders involved in the shooting of **Constable 1/c L. J. BROWNING** at Nowra on **23 November 1964**. Signed: N.T.W. Allen, Commissioner of Police.

On **14 April 1971**: **Commended**: Det Sgt 3/c **W.B.R. Boyd** (# 4708), Sgt 3/c **B.J. O'BRIEN** (# 7680), Det SenCon **Gyula KOVACS** (# 8615), Cst **P.R. PIPER** (# 13059) & Cst **H.G. Tunnicliff** (# 13369), for courage and initiative displayed

in the handling of and dismantling of a skilfully assembled imitation bomb at **Corrimal High School** on **12 October 1970**, after an Army bomb disposal expert refused to touch the device because it was too dangerous to handle. Signed: F. J. Hanson, Commissioner of Police.

Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal – Awarded on 21 January 1980

Born: Wednesday 30 January 1929 in Magyarhomorog, Hungary

Died on: Friday 23 May 2023

Age: 94 years, 3 months, 23 days

Organ Donor: No – Age prohibitive

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Monday 29 May 2023 @ 1pm

Funeral location: North Chapel, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Camden Valley Way, Leppington, NSW

Liverpool PAC will provide a Guard of Honour at the funeral

LIVE STREAM ?

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Forest Lawn Memorial Park Grounds Camden Valley
Way, Leppington, NSW (FLM 1 Burials)?

Grave Location: Section: Eucalyptus Lot: 60 Plot:
02

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (May 2023)

GEORGE is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
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Jim JOHNSON, George KOVACS & Ray KING

George spoke fluent Hungarian, Serb & Croatian.

On many occasions he attended Liverpool (22 Division) Police

Station and other Police Stations, assisting in the interpreting for police who were conducting serious criminal investigations and placing offenders before the Courts.

He worked as a Detective between 1958 and 1972 during his active career.

After retiring, George became an actor starring in about 10 movies such as Phar Lap, Travelling North, Now and Forever, A Street to Die, and others.

He also starred in a number of TV dramas such as A Country Practice, Sons and Daughters, and many others.

George was also the Associate Secretary for the 'International Police Association'.

During his police career he was Commended for his role in the search and arrest of three offenders involved in the shooting of Constable 1/c L. J. BROWNING at Nowra in November 1964.

He was also Commended, with other police, for courage and initiative displayed in the handling of and dismantling of a skilfully assembled imitation bomb at Corrimal High School on 12 October 1970, after army disposal experts refused to touch the device because of the dangers. Signed F. J. Hanson, Commissioner of Police.

Source: Joe Stanioch #14194 – Liverpool Police History 1788 – 1988

Service Records:

'George' was 5' 10" tall, 12st 7 lbs in weight.

He had blue eyes, dark brown hair and a fair complexion at the time of joining " the job ".

He is a native of Magyarhomorog, Hungary.

He was single at the time but later married on the 26 March 1960.

His previous Callings were: Farm Hand – 3 years, Tractor Driver – 1 year, Factory Worker – 5 years, Labourer – 15 months, Porter with NSWGR (Government Railway) – 3.5 years.

'George' failed his Constable 1/c qualifications 3 times (1959 – 1961). He qualified on 26 September 1962.

'George' failed his Sgt 3/c qualifications twice (1966 – 1967) but passed on 17 May 1968.

He failed his Detective qualification once in 1962 but qualified on 22 – 23 October 1963.

He was qualified to drive GD's cars, Utes (14 January 1958) & LW trucks under 2 tons (2 July 1980).

He passed his typing test on 21 March 1958 at 31 wpm.

He was a Competent Interpreter & Translator in Hungarian.

He obtained a mark of 69% at the completion of Training Class 053.

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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29 May 2023

Updated 31 May 2023

Updated 6 June 2023

Grahame Robert INKSTER

05/06/2023

Grahame Robert INKSTER

AKA ?

Nickname: ?

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job': **Robert B. INKSTER**, NSWPF # **11817** (Cousins)(their Grandfathers were brothers)

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class #113**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 12980

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
30 October 1967 (aged 26 years, 6 months, 12 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 11 December 1967 (
aged 26 years, 7 months, 23 days)

Constable – appointed 11 December 1968

Constable 1st Class – appointed 11 December 1972

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed 11 December 1976

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 7 December 1983

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Sergeant ?/Class

Stations: North East District (1969), ?, Wyong – Retirement

Service: From 30 October 1967 to 2 November 1988 = 21
years, 0 months, 3 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 47 years, 6 months, 15 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 34 years, 6 months, 15 days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 29 November 1983 (Det
SenCon)

Born: Friday 18 April 1941

Died on: Wednesday 17 May 2023

Age: 82 years, 0 months, 29 days

Organ Donor: No – Age prohibitive

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ? (Already held)

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ?

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Plot: ? Section: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (May 2023)

GRAHAME is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
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It is unknown, by this author, if the Det SenCon INKSTER (1st on left – Front Row) is Grahame INKSTER or G. R. INKSTER who was also a Det SenCon.

Newcastle District Detectives



Back row, left to right: P.C. Const. 1/c Warfield, P.C. Senior Const. Guyatt, Det. Sgt. 3/c Tracey, Det. Sgt. 3/c Squires, Det. Sen. Const. Scott, Det. Sen. Const. Moore, Det. Sen. Const. Flannery, Det. Sgt. 1/c Lamond.
Centre row, left to right: Const. 1/c Wilson, P.C. Sen. Const. Hogue, Det. Sen. Const. Hodgson, Det. Sen. Const. Daley, Det. Insp. Sheather, Det. Sen. Const. Mooney, Det. Sgt. 3/c Newham, Det. Sen. Const. Doyle, Det. Sen. Const. Clark.
Front row (seated), left to right: Det. Sen. Const. Inkster, Det. Sgt. Murray, P.C. Senior Const. Doughan, Policewoman Sen. Const. Bucklee, P.C. Sen. Const. Philp, Det. Sgt. 3/c McDonald, Det. Sen. Const. Vincent.

Newcastle District Detectives: c1979

Back Row (L – R) P.C. Cst 1/c **WARFIELD**, P.C. SenCon **GUYATT**,
Det Sgt 3/c **TRACEY**, Det Sgt 3/c **SQUIRES**, Det SenCon **SCOTT**, Det
SenCon **MOORE**, Det SenCon **FLANNERY**, Det Sgt 1/c **LAMOND**

Centre Row Cst 1/c **WILSON** P.C. SenCon **HOGUE**, Det SenCon
HODGSON, Det SenCon **DALEY**, Det Insp **SHEATHER**, Det SenCon
MOONEY, Det Sgt 3/c **NEWHAM**, Det SenCon **DOYLE**, Det SenCon
CLARK.

Front Row: Det SenCon **INKSTER**, Det Sgt **MURRAY**, P.C. SenCst
Maurice John **DOUGHAN** # 13469, Policewoman SenCon **BUCKLEE**, P.C.
SenCst **PHILP**, Det Sgt 3/c **McDONALD**, Det SenCon **VINCENT**.

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about
this person at the time of publication and further information
and photos would be appreciated.

Cal
28 May 2023

Updated 9 April 2026 with further hyperlinks in the Newcastle
Detectives photo.

Ernest George MERCER

05/06/2023

Ernest George MERCER

AKA Ernie MERCER

Nickname: ?

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': Keith A. MERCER, NSWPF #
9106 ?

Frederick J. MERCER, NSWPF Cadet # 0708 ?

G.P. MERCER, NSWPF # ??????

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 081**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 9515

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday 2

November 1959 (aged 26 years, 4 month, 12 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed 7 December 1959 (aged 26 years, 5 months, 16 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed 2 November 1965

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 3 May 1975

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 16 December 1982

Final Rank: = Sergeant ?/Class

Stations: ?, North District (1965), Grafton?, ?, North Coast District (1969), ?, Armidale – Retirement

Service: From 2 November 1959 to 2 July 1988 = 28 years, 8 months, 0 days Service

Time with NSW Police: From:2 November 1959 to 2 July 1988 = 28 years, 8 months, 0 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 55 years, 0 months, 11 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 34 Years, 10 months, 16 days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 15 September 1980 (Sgt 3/c)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 10 September 1986 (Sgt 2/c)



Born: Wednesday 21 June 1933

Died on: Thursday 18 May 2023

Age: 89 years, 10 months, 27 days

Organ Donor: No – age prohibitive

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: Friday 26 May 2023 @ 1.30pm

Funeral location: Coffs Harbour Crematorium, 956A Coramba
Road, Karangi, NSW 02 6651 5007

There will be NO Formal Police involvement but friends and
former colleagues are invited to attend

LIVE STREAM ?

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Plot: ? Section: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (May 2023)

ERNEST is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
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Ernest George Mercer

18th May 2023

Passed peacefully surrounded by his loving family.

Loved husband of Gloria (dec).

Wonderful and loved father of Neil & Rob, and Judith & Barry.

Fond brother of Marj.

Sadly missed by all.

Aged 89 Years

Gone fishing, reunited with Gloria.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ernest's farewell service to be held Friday, 26th May 2023 at 1.30pm in the Chapel of the Coffs Harbour Crematorium, Coramba Road, Karangi.

The below article mentions Cst E. Mercer. It is unknown if it is Ernest Mercer or not.

Policemen chase 'flying saucer' over Grafton

SYDNEY, Monday. – Two police constables in a car "chased" a

flying saucer which dozens of people sighted over **Grafton** last night.

The saucer – the second reported in the district in the past week – was in sight for about two hours.

Last week an unidentified flying object was reported from Harwood Island, about 30 miles north-east of Grafton.

Two constables –**E. Mercer** and **P. Woodman** – chased last night's saucer for about two hours before it disappeared to the south of Grafton.

The saucer moved slowly at about 1,500ft above the ground and it changed colour every few minutes. The colour alternated between white and red.

Watched with binoculars

The constables were at **Grafton Police Station** when a caller told them that an unidentified object was over the city.

When the two sceptical constables went out to look they saw a bright circular disc high in the sky.

Constable Mercer trained binoculars on the object, which “did not seem to have a centre”.

When they returned to the station for a car to follow the object, the police switchboard was jammed with calls from people who reported that they also had sighted the object.

Constables Mercer and **Woodman** set off by car and followed the object which moved off slowly towards the south of the city.

After about two hours it picked up speed and disappeared.

Constable K. Crossingham, who spoke to the two constables, said: “When we first got this report we were very sceptical. Flying saucers usually are attributed to having had ‘one too many’, but after last night's experience, it appears there

might be something in the report.”

The two police officers will make a report to senior officers in the area.

Police at **Lismore** also reported seeing the object last night.

Constable Doug Coughlan said today the object had been seen “five or six times” in the past fortnight.

He saw the object himself last night, with **Sgt P. Hobson**.

Sgt Hobson had seen it ‘three or four times” before.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/136926220>



CLASS 081

4 row (l to r):

L. C. Bennett; **D. W. Stolle** # 9460; **M. W. Kirk** # 9512; **R. C. Landers**; **B. Symons**; **A. Southall** # 9527; **John C. Dunbar** # 9482; **Peter J. Martin** # 9528; **B. K. Leaney** # 9533; **D. W. McLaughlin**; **J. R. Dorsett** # 9498; **P. W. Medway** # 9444; **J. McGregor** # 9518; **F. J. Ryder** # 9506; **Ray. N. Morris** # 9517; **P. R. Clemson** # 9523; **J. O. Parry**; **P. J. Woodward** # 9478; **D. C. Newton** # 9480; **Rod. L. Power** # 9477; **A. W. McDonald** # 9510; **B. A. Kearns**; **P. R. Leembruggen** # 9530; **R. G. Dunn**.

3rd row (l to r):

E. H. **Williamson** # 9507; Syd. K. **Isedale** # 9490; T. G. **Purcell** # 9468; Allen J. **Murphy** # 9509; A. P. **Lynch** # 9500; R. W. **Stone** # 9488; M. C. **Adams**; H. J. P. **Munro** # 9484; J. E. **Hawley** # 9522; S. C. **Heckenberg** # 9487; H. T. **Auliff** # 9464; Barry A. **Melouney** # 9492; M. R. **Turk** # 9526; Anthony C. **Frost** # 9516; C. A. **Hermanson** # 9525; Edward (Ted) F. **Doherty** # 9446; W. **McCormick** # 9529; Ken. J. **Williams** # 9461; M. C. **Moy** # 9449; K. G. **McNeill** # 9455; A. D. **Morris** # 9469; R. L. **Scarf** # 9457; J.R. **Press** # 9462; R. J. **Mahoney** # 9514.

2nd row (l to r):

J. J. **McNamara** # 9465; T. J. **Webber** # 9504; B. A. **Bennett** # 9453; J. F. **Bostock** # 9535; R. N. **Thornett**; W. A. **Allan**; K. J. **Hall**; Mick R. **Hay** # 9452; Ken. **Waters** # 9494 or 9505; Keith **Waters** # 9494 or 9505; G. N. **Crouch** # 9532; R. C. **Rogerson** # 9536; D. S. **McAfee** # 9459; G. A. **Wilson** # 9470; B. **Garland** # 9511; J. **Peterlin** # 9503; Thom. C. **Coleman** # 9496; R. J. **Canning** # 9473; Victor A. **Schweikert** # 9458; R. **Pearson**; B. **Kerrison** # 9485; J. G. **Kinnane**; L. R. **Kriss** # 9483.

Front row – seated- (l to r):

Sergeant 3/c. Ben **Hall**; C. C. **Greenham**; G. R. **Gibb** # 9445; R. C. **Jenner** # 9486; J. C. **McGingley**; Darcy W. **Cluff** # 9463; R. J. **Graham** # 9467; David E. **Nelson** # 9481; F. B. **McGoldrick**; Ernest G. **Mercer** # 9515; E. W. **Kelly**; J. **Kelly** # 9531; Sergeant 1/c. **Sligar** # 8146; Sergeant 1/c. **Barber** # 4474; Sergeant 3/c. **Porch**; Miss. Sylvia W. **Paull** # P/W 0038; Mrs. Eileen. M. **McLean** # P/W 0037; Miss. June W. **Fielding** # P/W 0039; S. **Favot** # 9493; J. P. **Boon** # 9519; L. E. **Ervine** # 9497; R. T. **Milligan** # 9479; Denis W. **Wardrobe** # 9456; D. C. **Rugers**; H. V. **Clarke**.

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information

and photos would be appreciated.

Cal

25 May 2023

Updated 21 August 2025 with Class photo and date calculations.

Bruce Daniel QUINN

05/06/2023

Bruce Daniel QUINN

AKA ?

Late of Cremorne, NSW

John QUINN, NSWPF # 12748 (Brother)

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 110**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 12460

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
20 February 1967 (aged 20 years, 2 months, 0 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed 3 April 1967 (aged 20
years, 3 months, 14 days)

Constable – appointed 3 June 1968

Constable 1st Class – appointed 3 June 1972

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed 3 June 1976

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 January 1983

Final Rank: = Detective Sergeant

Stations: ?, Five Dock (9 Division)(Detective)(1972),
?, Central (1 Division)(1980s), ?, **Licensing ?**, Drummoyne
GDs (mid 1980s), ?

Service: From 20 February 1967 to ? ? **Post 1983? (**
Resigned) = ? years Service

After his Resignation, Bruce Practised as a Barrister. He was
admitted to the Bar on 20 December 1985.

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 29 November 1983 (Det Sgt
)



Born: Friday 20 December 1946

Died on: Thursday 11 May 2023

Age: 76 years, 4 months, 21 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Melanoma – Brain Tumour

Event location: St Vincent's Hospice, Sydney, NSW

Event date: Diagnosed in October 2019.

Funeral date: ? ? ? TBA

Funeral location: ? TBA

LIVE STREAM ? TBA

Wake location: ??? TBA

Wake date: ??? TBA

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Plot: ? Section: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (May 2023)

BRUCE is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *
NOT JOB RELATED

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Application by Bruce Daniel Quinn to Practice as a Barrister
in the State of Queensland (1986).pdf

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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14 May 2023

Robert John SLATTERY

05/06/2023

Robert John SLATTERY

AKA Slats

Late of ?

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 15603

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
23 October 1972 (aged 20 years, 3 months, 7 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 4 December 1972 (aged 20 years, 4 months, 18 days)

Constable – appointed 4 December 1973

Constable 1st Class – appointed 4 December 1977

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 4 December 1981

Final Rank: = Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Campbelltown HWP (35 Division)(c 1982 – 89),
Camden HWP (35 Division), ?, Bankstown (19 Division) –
Retirement

Service: From 23 October 1972 to 3 July 2004 = 31
years, 8 months, 10 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 51 years, 11 months, 17 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 18 years, 10 months, 10 days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 14 December 1988 (SenCon)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 28 May 1999 (SenCon)



Born: Wednesday 16 July 1952

Died on: Saturday 13 May 2023 during the a.m.

Age: 70 years, 9 months, 27 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Cancer (type = ?)

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Friday 26 May 2023 @ 11.30am

Funeral location: Denham Court Anglican Church, 30 Church St,
Denham Court, NSW

There is NO Official NSW Police involvement at the Funeral
Service

All friends and former colleagues are invited

LIVE STREAM ? TBA

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Plot: ? Section: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this

time (**May 2023**)

SLATS is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
*NEED MORE INFO

**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

May they forever Rest In Peace

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Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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